

What has the Economic Recovery Act meant for Oakland County?

For Michigan and Oakland County families, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has cut taxes, boosted employment, helped the unemployed, spurred new innovations, put people to work fixing our roads, protected education jobs and supported our schools and protected public safety jobs to keep our communities safer.

The following figures are as of December 31, 2009. The bulk of the Recovery Act will take effect in 2010.

Cut Taxes

- Cut taxes for 4 million Michiganders totaling more than \$1.9 billion dollars in savings for Michigan families. 99% of Michigan's working families received a tax cut for 2009. The average tax cut for each Michigan family was \$1,086.
- Cut taxes for small businesses across Oakland County.
- Led to millions of dollars in tax cuts and investments in locally based businesses to develop new technologies and industries.

Boosted Employment and Helped the Unemployed

- Created or saved 69,000 jobs in Michigan, so far.
- Expanded unemployment benefits for over 920,000 Michiganders struggling to find a job.
- Supported the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, allowing them to keep essential services and programs that families and children depend on during hard times.
- Supported community and economic development projects, including housing and other services for those hit hard by tough economic times.

Spurred New Innovations

- Supported the development and installation of next-generation green energy technology such as photovoltaic's in Auburn Hills.
- Funded advanced battery research and development jobs in Southeast Michigan.
- Funded advanced vehicle programs through automotive supply companies such as Delphi for the development of efficient electric vehicles.

Put People to Work Fixing Roads

- Put people to work fixing many local roads and highways, including:
 - Woodward Avenue to Cesar Chavez Avenue
 - M-59 from Crooks Rd to Ryan Road Reconstruct and Widen
 - Orchard Lake Road from Maple to Lone Pine Road
 - Telegraph to Woodward Patch and Overlay
 - Novi Road between Grand River Avenue and 12 Mile Road
 - John R. Road between 14 Mile and Maple Road

Protected Education Jobs and Supported Our Schools

- Brought \$52,123,600 in investments for schools in Michigan's 9th Congressional District to prevent teacher layoffs and improve our children's education.
- Extended Pell Grant opportunities to help more kids go to college, including over \$9 million in tuition aid for students in Michigan's 9th Congressional District alone.

Protected Public Safety Jobs to Keep Our Communities Safer

- Strengthened public safety in Oakland County communities by allowing local police forces to hire and retain more officers, while increasing Edward Byrne Memorial Justice (Byrne-JAG) Grants.
- Provided assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations